

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



SF 274 – Hearing Specialists and Medical Residency Program (LSB1222SV)
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Description

Senate File 274 does the following:

- Division I: Changes “hearing aid dispensers” to “hearing aid specialists.”
- Division II: Re-enacts the Medical Residency Training State Matching Grant Program.
- Division III: Amends the Medical Residency Training State Matching Grant Program to:
 - Permit applicants to have budgeted matching dollars and not have them reserved.
 - Increase the match for new medical residency programs from 25.0% to 100.0%.
 - Increase the cap for awards to new medical residency programs to 50.0% of all available funds and decrease the maximum cap award to 25.0% of funds for all other recipients.

Background

The Medical Residency Training State Matching Grant Program was scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2014. The Public Health Programs and Services Act (2014 Iowa Acts chapter [1106](#)) extended this sunset, but did not include an effective on enactment date provision, and therefore was not enacted until July 1, 2014.

The Program as originally enacted permits award limits of 25.0% of all funding available, unless less than 95.0% of funds were awarded. Then up to 95.0% of all funds available could be awarded to one or multiple awardees.

Assumptions

- There is currently \$2.0 million unobligated in the Medical Residency Training Account created in Iowa Code section [135.175](#).
- Any award maximum is subject to the funding of the Program.

Fiscal Impact

There is no impact to the State General Fund.

Divisions I and II: No fiscal impact.

Division III: Under the new award caps, an eligible new medical residency program could increase the maximum award from \$500,000 to \$1.0 million. Any programs expanding medical residency slots or programs in excess of the federal residency capacity are limited to \$500,000 and not eligible for any additional funds if less than 95.0% of all funds are awarded.

Source

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